

REMARKS

Claims 5-22 are presented for consideration, with Claims 5, 6, 7, 10-14, 17, 18 and 20 being independent

Claims 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 have been amended and are now presented in independent form. In addition, Claim 22 has been amended to change its dependency.

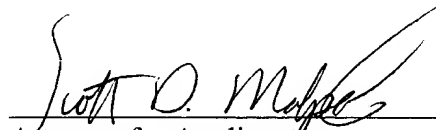
Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 5-22 are allowed.

Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being obvious over JP '098 in view of Miyashita '397. Without conceding to the propriety of this rejection, Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. This rejection is therefore deemed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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